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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. EC REASSURES US ON PETROLEUM POLICY

EC COMMISSION DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR ENERGY FERNAND SPAAK HAS REASSURED OUR EC MISSION IN BRUSSELS THAT THE COMMISSION PLANS NO DISCRIMINATION AGAINST US INTERNATIONAL CORPORATIONS IN FORMULATING PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE EC PETROLEUM POLICY. SPAAK ALSO SAID THE COMMISSION DOES NOT PLAN TO MAKE PREFERENTIAL, EXCLUSIVE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE PRODUCING COUNTRIES. THE CENTRAL POINT OF EC POLICY WILL BE COOPERATION AMONG CONSUMERS WITHOUT THE APPEARANCE OF FORMULATING ARRANGEMENTS AGAINST PRODUCERS. (CONFIDENTIAL)
EC BRUSSELS 2019, 4/12 (EXDIS).

2. UNSC DEBATE ON BEIRUT RAID STALLED

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USUN REPORTS THAT THE UNSC MET INCONCLUSIVELY FOR THREE HOURS APRIL 12 ON THE ISRAELI RAIDS IN LEBANON. AMBASSADOR SCALI BELIEVES THAT THE DEBATE WILL REMAIN STALLED PENDING THE ARRIVAL OF THE EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, SCHEDULED FOR THIS EVENING. HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT CONCRETE SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION WILL TAKE PLACE BEFORE APRIL 15. (CONFIDENTIAL) USUN 1340, 4/13.

3. ITALY PROTESTS ITALIAN DEATH IN BEIRUT RAID

THE ITALIAN FOREIGN OFFICE INFORMED EMBASSY ROME THAT IT HAD CALLED IN THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR TO PROTEST THE DEATH OF AN ITALIAN CITIZEN IN THE APRIL 10 ISRAELI RAIDS IN LEBANON. THE ITALIANS REPORTEDLY TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS THEIR DISAPPROVAL OF THE RAIDS. (CONFIDENTIAL) ROME 2940, 4/12.

4. IRAQ INTENDS TO KEEP HEAT ON IN THE GULF

USINT BAGHDAD REPORTS THAT IRAQI OBJECTIVES IN THE PERSIAN GULF GO BEYOND PERMANENT DEMARCATION OF ITS BORDER WITH KUWAIT. IRAQ WANTS MORE CONTROL OF THE AREA AROUND ITS END OF THE GULF TO OFFSET IRANIAN DOMINATION. USINT BAGHDAD BELIEVES THAT THE CONFLICT HOLDS REAL DANGER OF MILITARY ESCALATION INVOLVING CONTIGUOUS GULF STATES. (CONFIDENTIAL) BAGHDAD 191, 4/12.

5. MEIR, DAYAN CLASH OVER SETTLEMENT IN WEST BANK

UPI REPORTS FROM TEL AVIV THAT PRIME MINISTER MEIR HAS PUBLICLY REJECTED DEFENSE MINISTER DAYAN' S CALL FOR INCREASED SETTLEMENT IN THE WEST BANK. MRS. MEIR REPORTEDLY SAID THAT UNCONTROLLED SETTLEMENT WOULD SERIOUSLY HINDER ANY FUTURE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE ARABS. (UNCLASSIFIED) UPI 173, 4/12.

6. US POSTPONES POLISH MINISTERIAL VISITS

ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESSEL INFORMED POLISH AMBASSADOR TRAMPCZYNSKI ON APRIL 12 OF OUR DECISION TO POSTPONE THE PROPOSED VISITS BY MINISTERS KACZMAREK
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AND MITREGA. STOESSEL EXPLAINED THAT THE DECISION WAS

TAKEN AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF THE POLISH DELEGATION' S
ROLE IN THE ICCS. THE AMBASSADOR SAID HE THOUGHT IT
REGRETTABLE THAT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ICCS SHOULD
AFFECT BILATERAL PROBLEMS. (CONFIDENTIAL) STATE
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